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MESSAGE:

Please file the attached Amendment B in the above-referenced matter.

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	28	MINUS	20	8	x 25 =	x 50 = \$400
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 14, 2006. The Applicants thank the Examiner for his review and examination of this application during prosecution. It is respectfully requested that the above-referenced patent application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and comments made hereinbelow.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.